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1. DUTCH DELOFF (SIZOO) GAVE MISSION BACKGROUND ON LAST SENTENCE OF PARA ON MBFR IN DUTCH BUDGETARY STATEMENT TO PARLIAMENT, (USNATO 4348). ACCORDING TO SIZOO, THE PARTIES IN POWER HAVE AN ARTICLE IN THEIR PLATFORM SAYING THAT TACNUCS SHOULD BE INCLUDED IN MBFR. THE GOVERNMENT HAS BEEN QUESTIONED IN PARLIAMENT AS TO WHETHER IT WOULD ACTUALLY STRIVE TO MAKE GOOD ON THIS PLATFORM PROMISE.

2. SIZOO SAID THAT THE DUTCH DEL TO NATO SUGGESTED TO THE HAGUE THAT TACNUCS NOT BE MENTIONED IN THE BUDGET MESSAGE AND NOT BE LINKED WITH SALT. THE HAGUE RESPONDED, HOWEVER, THAT THESE POINTS HAD TO BE MADE IN ORDER TO SATISFY PUBLIC OPINION.

3. ACCORDING TO SIZOO, DUTCH PUBLIC OPINION BELIEVES THAT MBFR SHOULD COMPLEMENT SALT SINCE SALT DEALS ONLY WITH CENTRAL CONFIDENTIAL

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SYSTEMS AND NOT WITH NUCLEAR WEAPONS ON EUROPEAN TERRITORY. THE FORMER GOVERNMENT ALSO SUPPORTED THIS VIEW, BUT THE PRESENT GOVERNMENT HAS MADE IT MORE EXPLICIT.

4. SIZOO ADDED THAT THE DUTCH STATEMENT WAS NOT CONNECTED WITH
THE "DENUCLEARIZATION OF EUROPE" QUESTION MENTIONED IN
THE HAGUE 3395
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